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On March 25, PolOff, Republic of Korea Counselor Suk-kyoon Chung, and Russian Counselor German V. Parfenov delivered the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT) Workshop invitation and Exercise Planning Group (EPG) background to Outi Hyvarinen, Counselor, Finnish MFA Unit for Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation. Hyvarinen said that she would pass the information to STUK (Finnish Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority) since based upon materials presented by Mr. Chung, it would require expert-level discussion. Hyvarinen noted that Government of Finland supports the initiative and participation will depend on resources. BUTLER